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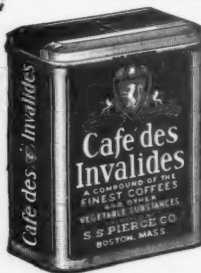


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which recounts the story of what he witnessed in one of the great slaughter-houses of the country, will be sent free to any who will distribute them; also a four-page reprint from "Our Dumb Animals" for November, giving an account of his visit last summer to the slaughter-houses of Europe. The needless sufferings of our food animals in the slaughter-houses of the United States outweigh all the other sufferings of these animals combined.

MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS  
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# Our Dumb Animals

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FOUNDED BY GEO. T. ANGELL IN 1868, AND FOR FORTY-ONE YEARS EDITED BY HIM

The Massachusetts Society

for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

The American Humane Education Society  
The American Band of Mercy

I would not enter on my list of friends,  
Though graced with polished manners and fine sense,  
Yet wanting sensibility, the man  
Who needlessly sets foot upon a worm.

—COWPER



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PERHAPS he was a cynic, but he was no fool—the man who said, “The War to end war has been succeeded by a Peace to end peace.”

SINCE 1914 it is reported the horse population of Russia has decreased by about one-half. The explanation is that approximately 16,000,000 of them have been eaten by the people.

WHEN Mexico appropriates 40,000,000 pesos for education, 5,000,000 more than the entire amount allowed for military purposes, we must admit that the finest evidences of civilization are not all this side the border line.

ACCORDING to newspaper reports, J. C. Boyer, said to be a director of a large motor vehicle company, states that 72 per cent of all commercial vehicles in New York are horse-drawn; 25.8 per cent of the rest are gas trucks; and only 1.5 per cent electric.

IT was stated last National Child Labor Day that no one can truthfully say, “I don’t use goods made by children.” Instead the assertion was that everybody who eats food, wears clothes, uses material, reads anything, or plays with anything, uses articles produced, in part, by child labor.

A GREAT step forward toward ending entirely the performing animal business in Great Britain has been taken by the law just passed by Parliament regarding the whole training and exhibition of animals. All trainers must register, their places open to inspection, no cruelty permitted, and no performances at all of chimpanzees and no anthropoid apes. In this England is about a thousand miles ahead of us.

THE new law of Holland relative to the slaughtering of animals compels humane stunning, not only in private, but in all public abattoirs. By the new law it is forbidden to attempt to stun by “a blow upon the head, or behind the ears,” to begin dressing before the “body is completely inert,” to “hang up before stunning.” The stunning must always be “by means of devices with which in some mechanical way the brain is destroyed.” Exception is made where Hebrews slaughter.

## GEORGE THORNDIKE ANGELL

One hundred years ago, June 5, 1823, Geo. T. Angell, founder of this magazine and of the two Societies which it represents, was born. Only fifteen years ago he was the active president of these organizations, still writing those editorials which, for forty years, had incessantly flowed from his pen.

In this centennial number no attempt has been made adequately to review Mr. Angell’s life work. In the brief chronology on another page will be found dates marking a few significant facts in his life. But many worthy deeds, such as his successful efforts for better health and sanitary conditions, evade the limits of mere date lines. Readers of *Our Dumb Animals* during the last generation know something of what Geo. T. Angell stood for and of what he accomplished.

Through the courtesy of Mrs. Florence H. Suckling of Romséy, England, Mr. Angell’s pioneer work for humane education in Great Britain is intimately told in this number. For the details of his great work at home we must refer to his “Autobiographical Sketches,” and to the issues of *Our Dumb Animals* previous to his death in 1909.

Mr. Angell’s monument stands today in the ever-increasing spread of humane education throughout the world, and in the unceasing expansion of the activities of the Societies which he founded.

PROBABLY in no other country of the world has so great a revulsion against militarism taken place as in Japan.

THE *London Times*, with much vigor, is calling attention to what it calls the grossly inadequate sentences imposed by magistrates upon those convicted for cruelty to animals. One editorial concludes, “It is high time that the farce (of light fines) should be ended, and the punishment made to fit the crime.” Many a cruel deed is the outcome of ignorance. There let mercy temper judgment. When the cruelty is deliberate, there let the punishment fit the crime.

## THE SLAUGHTER-HOUSE REFORM

WHERE do we stand at the moment? That our many friends and helpers in this movement are asking the question we do not doubt.

The offering of the \$10,000 prize for a device that will practically end the worst of the suffering connected with the slaughter of our food animals seemed to demand something like a temporary truce between the Slaughter-House Reform Committee and the packing-houses. While guarded in their promises as to what they would do in the way of co-operation, should a practicable device be discovered, the representatives of the packers asked that, during the period of the contest for the prize and the testing of its workability, the public campaign against what has come to be so widely known as “The Great Cruelty”—that is, the cruelties inflicted upon our cattle, sheep, and swine in process of slaughter—be slowed down. This we agreed to do so far as calling attention to this “Great Cruelty” by means of advertisements of it through the press of the country. Meanwhile, because of previous publicity, the demand for private circulation of the pamphlet, “The Great Cruelty,” has steadily grown, and tens of thousands of them have been sent out in answer to requests.

The contest for the prize ended April 30. At once the examination of the devices was begun, and we hope in our next issue to give the result of the competition, and to indicate that something has been found that meets the requirements of the case and that the abattoir managers will give a thorough trial.

To those many and generous contributors to the campaign we are daily and deeply grateful. But for their gifts we could never have stirred up the nation-wide interest in this reform. We shall keep them thoroughly advised of each step in our progress.

WHEN our Navy Department can be charged with withholding information relative to the British Navy which, had it been given, would have stopped an appropriation by Congress of \$6,500,000 for the Department, we seem to be left to impute but one motive for the significant silence.

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## WILD ANIMALS IN CAPTIVITY

### GOVERNOR BAXTER OF MAINE DOES NOT BELIEVE IN KEEPING THEM

The Superintendent of the Board of Park Commissioners in Lowell, Massachusetts, wrote to Governor Baxter asking his assistance in securing two bear cubs for the Zoological Park in Lowell, and as the Governor does not believe in keeping animals in captivity he made the following reply:

April twenty-fifth, 1923

My dear Mr. Kernan:—

I received your letter asking for information in regard to your obtaining two bear cubs for your park. In the years gone by I enjoyed visiting Zoological Parks and witnessing the performances of trained animals. Recently, however, I have come to the conclusion that the confinement of wild animals in Zoological Gardens and Parks and the performances of trained animals on the stage involve considerable cruelty, and in so far as I am able I intend to discourage these forms of entertainment.

In my opinion our wild animals are entitled to their freedom and unless they are dangerous to human life and property they should not be molested. No one enjoys going into the woods more than I do, but I never take a gun, for I prefer to study our wild animals rather than to kill them.

In my travels about the State I have come in contact with traveling shows of dogs, monkeys, and other small animals, and the unnatural life these poor creatures lead in their stifling cages and the cruelties that are unavoidable in their training prevent my attending any performance in which trained animals appear.

I believe that our citizens gradually will see these questions in their true light, and for this reason I hope you will not be successful in obtaining any bear cubs from the State of Maine for your park.

I once attended a motion picture that portrayed the hunting and the capture of wild animals and was so shocked that I determined never again to witness another such exhibition of bloodshed and brutality. It is degrading for human beings to witness the slaughter of wild animals. The hunting pictures now being shown in Boston in my opinion should not be exhibited and I hope public sentiment will be aroused against them.

Faithfully yours,  
(Signed) PERCIVAL P. BAXTER, Governor of Maine

To Mr. John W. Kernan, Superintendent,  
Board of Park Commissioners, Lowell, Massachusetts

### A TRAINER CONVICTED

**A**GAINST the insidious and misleading propaganda now being circulated by showmen and animal trainers to counteract the growth and influence of the Jack London Club, the attention and consideration of all our readers and others are invited to the following important dispatch:

### COURT FINES LION TAMER, CRUEL TO KING OF BEASTS

Special Dispatch to *The Boston Herald*

Pittsburgh, May 2—Because he had been a bit rough with the gentle lion under his direction, Tearle Jacobs, of Kokomo, Ind., a trainer with the Sells-Floto circus, which last night completed a two-day engagement here found himself out a fine of \$10 and costs. The court also gave him some good advice concerning the kind treatment he should accord the jungle beast this morning. Jacobs pleaded guilty to cruelty to animals before Alderman Harvey A. Lowrey.

F. M. Ferguson and James Gatfield, agents of the Western Pennsylvania Humane Society, who arrested Jacobs, testified that they saw Jacobs strike the lion in the face with a black snake whip, also shoot blank cartridges at the animal to compel the performance of "dangerous lion stunts."

It is the unnatural, abnormal, extraordinary tricks animals are compelled to perform that were taught them in a school of cruelty.



Courtesy of Everybody's Magazine

BAREFACED CRUELTY

TRAINERS of performing animals are now pandering to the inhumane minority.

IN the midst of all her political, financial, and industrial problems and readjustments, England has enacted a law which regulates the Exhibition and Training of Performing Animals.

### MIAMI HOLDS THE RECORD

**M**IAMI, Florida, takes pre-eminence over all places that so far have been heard from in enrolling members in the Jack London Club. Lists already received total nearly 1,300 names. The purpose of the organization and the obligation of members are being set forth with telling clarity in the schools of the city, and the response in enrollment shows a close approach to 100 per cent strong.

We are informed that these young members consulted their parents and considered well before accepting the obligation; they had plenty of time for deliberation and were told that pledging themselves was a serious thing and that no one should do so without full intention of keeping that pledge.

If any one is disposed to doubt the sincerity of these younger recruits or their conception

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## ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF GEO. T. ANGELL AND HIS WORK

1823. Born in Southbridge, Massachusetts.  
1846. Graduated from Dartmouth College.  
1851. Admitted to the bar, Suffolk County, Mass.

1864. Executed his will, leaving funds for "circulating in schools, Sunday-schools, and elsewhere" information calculated to prevent cruelty to animals. (The first known instance of an effort to promote humane education.)

1868 (March). Organized and obtained Act of Incorporation of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

1868 (May). Published first issue of *Our Dumb Animals*, the first periodical of its kind in the world.

1869-70. Visited England and the Continent. Was instrumental in establishing *The Animal World* and the Ladies' Humane Educational Committee of the Royal S. P. C. A., London.

1870. Visited Chicago, with result that the Illinois Humane Society was founded.

1872. Married to Eliza A. Martin, who now resides in Boston.

1878. Wrote passages on the transportation of animals incorporated by President Hayes in his annual message to Congress.

1879. Assisted in organizing the Wisconsin Humane Society at Milwaukee, also in this and other years, many other similar Societies.

1882. With Rev. Thomas Timmins organized first American Band of Mercy.

1885. Helped to organize the St. Augustine (Florida) S. P. C. A.

1889. Organized and obtained Act of Incorporation of the American Humane Education Society.

1890. Published first edition in America of "Black Beauty." Later carried the circulation of this book to more than 1,000,000 copies.

1909. Died in Boston at the age of eighty-six.

1910. Dr. Francis H. Rowley chosen President of the two Societies founded by Mr. Angell.

1913. Free clinic for animals opened in Boston.

1915. Angell Memorial Animal Hospital opened and dedicated.

1917. Nevins Rest Farm for Horses established at Methuen.

1923. Shelter for Small Animals opened at Nevins Farm, Methuen.

## NIGHT CAMP

A HORSE to ride and a dog to love,

And a fire to warm me by,

End of the trail and high above

The sweep of the starlit sky—

And where is there more for a man's desire

Than a horse and a dog and a pinewood fire?

The horse will bear me far and swift,

And the dog will guard my rest

When I lie me down on a dead leaf drift,

Close to the brown earth's breast.

But ah! the ache of an old desire,

And the face that glows in the pinewood fire.

C. T. DAVIS in the *Arkansas Gazette*

## Recollections of Mr. Angell in England

FLORENCE HORATIA SUCKLING

AS one of the few surviving members of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, to have seen some of its first founders, I am asked to contribute my recollections of Mr. Geo. T. Angell's visit to London in 1869. Unfortunately, however, the best of my knowledge is only hearsay, for although I did see that remarkable man, I was then quite a child, and it was only because my relatives were intimate with several of the foremost animals' friends of the day

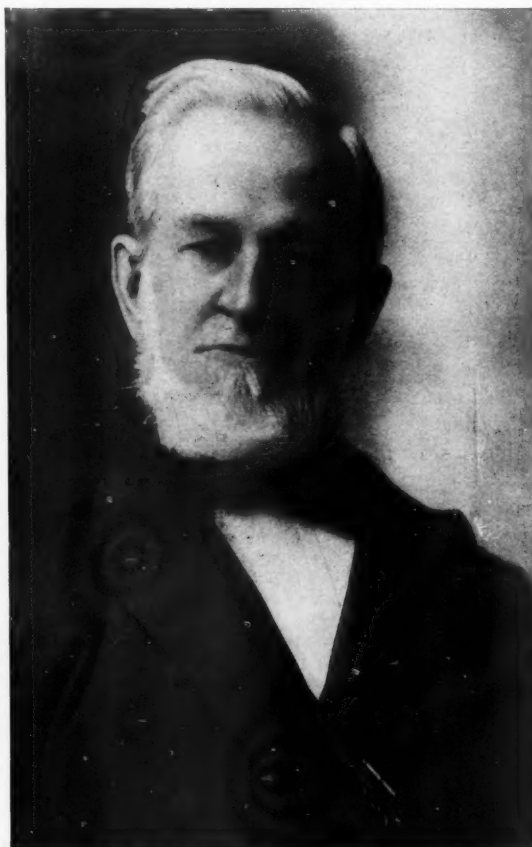
stone of the Society's present offices about the time of Mr. Angell's arrival in England.

In his still fascinating "Autobiographical Sketches" he described the "Meeting of the Directors of the Royal Society," when he spoke for about an hour, "urging, first, to establish a paper like *Our Dumb Animals*, and, second, to spend their money widely on humane education . . . When I began they seemed to me a dignified, cool, and somewhat non-committal body; when I closed, as genial a set of gentlemen as I could wish to meet." . . . Indeed the American guest's ardent personality and "go-ahead" methods carried all before him and completely won Miss Coutts from her habitual frigidity of demeanor and charmed every one by his simplicity of manner.

Continuing his account of that meeting, he says, "Afterwards I was introduced to the Secretary of Miss (afterward Baroness) Burdett Coutts, who brought me a written invitation from her to dine with a party of friends the next day at her splendid country house outside London. . . . I considered a moment and then said that I must decline the invitation to dine, but would drive out at five o'clock . . . and put before her my plans, which were to form a Ladies' Humane Education Society. . . . I think I never saw any one more astonished than the gentlemanly secretary, when I declined the invitation to dine. It was probably the first instance of the kind within his experience." . . .

However, next day, despite Mr. Angell's plea to be excused from dining on the score of indisposition, he was induced to remain at Holly Lodge throughout the evening, and spent the time in entrancing the company by the fervor of his address, and the magnitude of his schemes to induce Miss Coutts to adopt humane education and a ladies' committee. "I did not understand her to promise" (he says), "and she did not personally ask me any questions, only listened. . . . But a few weeks later, on Sept. 14, she wrote to the *London Times* that she had prom-

ised an American gentleman, Mr. Angell, that she would do all she could to promote humane education." . . . The result of that promise was, of course, the present Ladies' R. S. P. C. A. Educational Committee, with its huge and far-reaching literary labors, and the immediate publication of a monthly journal, *The Animal World*. Mr. Angell received a first copy in Paris on October 3 (1869), when he remarked that "It was a beautiful paper, splendidly illustrated, and made the day of its reception a memorable one for me." . . . But on his return to England in June, 1870, he found that, although *The Animal World* was established, "the Ladies' Humane Educational Committee still hung fire" . . . (but) "Through the earnest assistance of Mr. John



*Geo. T. Angell*

Colam" (Secretary of the Society since 1866) and of Mr. Smithies, who were with me heart and soul, I again addressed the directors of The Royal Society, and with their delegation, including Messrs. Colam and Smithies, again visited Miss Burdett Coutts. Then came the memorable interview with Lord Harrowby, then seventy-two years of age, when he said to me that the fashionable season being about over, it would be too late to establish the committee that season. I replied, 'Your lordship is now alive, Miss Coutts is now alive; next year at this time we may all be dead and buried.' He thought for a moment and said, 'The committee shall be formed now.' . . .

I well remember hearing Mr. Angell discussed that summer, particularly with regard to his high aims, and his unswerving belief in the righteousness of his cause. It greatly appealed to the earnest minds of Mrs. Catherine Smithies and of her son, and when I read in his Autobiography the account of the formation of the Boston Society, I recalled hearing that he had then published an appeal "to every man and woman who believed in God and had sympathy with His suffering creatures," for their prayers and help. Of Mr. Smithies, it is related that, when as the great publisher, he was interviewed by the secretary of the R. S. P. C. A. for advice as to the publication of *The Animal World*, he refused to listen until he had said, "Let us ask God to bless our deliberations," and there and then, on his office floor, "aloud besought a benediction upon the undertaking." Likewise Mr. Angell, when about to start the first American Band of Mercy at Boston, on the 28th of July, 1882, after inviting the presence of the other officers of the Society, and laying the cards of membership on the table, besought "a blessing upon the work," and "on all who should join to the end of time to the well-being and happiness of His creatures human and dumb, until cruelty should be unknown, and kindness and love forever prevail."

I greatly treasure the "Autobiography" which Mr. Angell during our long corresponding acquaintance gave me, and I am proud to remember our friendly relations during many years, although only by the grip of "Hands across the Sea."

#### THE FILIPINO AND HIS CARABAO

IN a letter to a correspondent of *Our Dumb Animals*, Leroy R. Sawyer, American Consul to Cartagena, Colombia, writes:

"In ten years' residence in the Philippines, I never heard of a single instance of a Filipino mistreating or misusing his carabao (water buffalo). His assiduous care of and thought for the well-being of this member of the bovine race is proverbial, though probably he is less considerate of other animals, such as the dog, birds, and the domestic fowl."

#### SOME NEWSPAPER FEATURES

IN addition to special humane supplements, mentioned elsewhere, we are pleased to note that Be Kind to Animals Week was made a feature in several pages of the *Ledger-Dispatch*, Norfolk, Va., April 7; of the *Herald-Telegram*, Reading, Pa., April 18; of the *Eagle* and the *Herald*, Gainesville, Ga., April 12; of the *Call and Post*, San Francisco, Cal., April 14, and (in addition to its Supplement of the preceding week) of the *American*, Charleston, S. C., April 15.

## Be Kind to Animals Week and the Press

"A kind soul founded the S. P. C. A. Kind souls are carrying on his work. In their labors they hope only to save animals from unnecessary pain. But they do more than that. They teach human kindness. They help us develop among ourselves more kindly traits. All kindness is one thing of which the world can never have a superabundance."

—Worcester (Mass.) Post

"It is well, considering the tendency to forget that a week should be set apart for the consideration of the claims upon us of those faithful companions which render, in their individual ways, such willing service, and which give to us, no matter what our walk in life, a continuing and sincere devotion."

—Christian Science Monitor, Boston

"It is a rare thing in Lynn to see any brutality practised against animals. They are a highly favored class in the community. . . . All this change has come about by education. So, it is well that we observe 'Be Kind to Animals Week.'"

—Lynn (Mass.) Item

"You should take to heart the lessons that are being broadcasted during Be Kind to Animals Week, and you should teach them to your children if they do not already know them."

—Washington (D. C.) Star

"One of the great advantages of the Be Kind to Animals Week is the instruction it will furnish to the young. Children should be taught to be kind. If their natural instincts are allowed to go unchecked, it will not only result in suffering to animals, but in the warping of the characters of those who do not learn to regard the rights of other forms of life."

—New London (Conn.) Day

"It is only because other abuses always seem to come along to take the place of those which public sentiment has made impossible that the various humane societies have organized 'Be Kind to Animals Week.' Decent people never need to be hindered from cruelty to animals. Sometimes, though, they need to be informed about it."

—Hartford (Conn.) Times

"In a very important sense the observance of this 'Be Kind to Animals Week' is really a call for the development in individual, community and general life, of the spirit of kindness and thoughtfulness."

—Woonsocket (R. I.) Call-Republican

"Just how much permanent good a Be-Kind-to-Animals week accomplishes in cold figures may be difficult to ascertain, but every influence in that direction is most certainly well applied, and like other similar movements, any improvement at all is worth the effort that is required. It is the psychological effect in the long run that is really aimed at."

—Norwich (Conn.) Bulletin

"This is 'Be Kind to Animals Week,' and while all of us rather deplore the different 'weeks' and 'days' that come and go, the object of this week is so deserving that we cannot pass it without notice. . . . Every week should be 'Be Kind to Animals Week.'"

—Fall River (Mass.) News

"Be kind to your dumb animals this week," says the *Boston Post*, "and all the weeks of the year; it will be hard for you to be as kind to them as they are to you." Right."

—Providence (R. I.) Bulletin

"Humane sentiment has been preached widely, but each generation of youngsters as it comes along needs to be taught this lesson. Kindness to Animals week is the right time for parents and teachers to give the youngsters some instruction."

—Salem (Mass.) News

#### "THE CHARLESTON (S. C.) AMERICAN"

THE opening of Be Kind to Animals Week was anticipated by the *Charleston American*, which included a special 20-page Supplement, entirely devoted to humane affairs, in its issue of April 8. This, the fifth annual offering of its kind, was the more significant because since last season the *American* has changed ownership, being now edited by Richard Lloyd-Jones as one of a chain of newspapers owned by the Perry Lloyd-Jones syndicate, including also the *Journal*, Pensacola, Fla., the *Journal*, Jacksonville, Fla., the *News*, Minneapolis, Minn., and the *Tribune*, Tulsa, Okla. The *Times*, Reading, Pa., under the same management, in its issue of April 18, contained several pages of humane material. We commend especially the receptive attitude of this influential syndicate towards the appeal of humane workers for publicity for our cause. The *Charleston American*, with its special features from many of the most prominent writers on humane topics in the country, continues to maintain its high reputation for humane and progressive journalism.



THIS SOUTH CAROLINA NEWSPAPER ISSUED A 20-PAGE BE KIND TO ANIMALS SUPPLEMENT, APRIL 8, 1923



## Prize-Winning Cartoons in National Contest

## THE FRIEND OF MAN



IN THE "DEMOCRAT AND CHRONICLE," ROCHESTER, N. Y.  
APRIL 8, 1923. By Craig Fox. Second prize, \$15

## "BE KIND TO ANIMALS"



IN "THE POST-EXAMINER," OAKLAND, CAL., APRIL 11, 1923  
By John C. Argens. First Prize, \$35

## FUR-SEALS UNDER PROTECTION

SINCE the adoption of protective measures under the treaty made less than a dozen years ago between Great Britain, United States, Japan, and Russia, the fur-seals of the North Pacific have increased to six times the number to which they had been reduced. In other words, the once mighty herd has grown from 100,000 to 600,000 since the recent date when its very extinction was threatened. It is now estimated that under fifteen years more of paternal watchfulness and protection, the seals can be restored to their former number.

The destruction of fur seals was as wasteful and cruel a practice as was ever permitted under the sanction of civilized nations. The United States was by far the worst offender. After acquiring Alaska in 1867, with its adjacent waters teeming with no less than 5,000,000 fur-seals, the slaughter of animal life was kept up for forty years, until it was laid bare as a national disgrace. The seal pack had dropped to the point of near-extinction before protective legislation could be passed that saved it. Nothing but an extension of the present treaty and continued protection for a long term will restore seal life to its original status, and the time draws near when it must be decided if that is to be the humane and economic policy we shall further pursue.

## THE LARGEST EAGLE IN CAPTIVITY

The author of these lines saw the eagle, whose captivity he describes, in a cage in Central Park, New York City. The words, "The Largest Eagle in Captivity," were inscribed in the front of the cage.

CRAMPED within a man-made cage;  
Level flags below, rusty bars above;  
With but twenty feet from flag to bar.  
For floor, five yards by five would cover all.  
Iron bars above me,  
Rusty bars beside me,  
Rust and iron before me,  
And I ever facing the iron grid.  
And beyond a row of humans with vacant leer.  
Trammeled by such confines is my limit now;  
I, who breasted the boundless air;  
I, who circled the mountain's peak  
And winged the valleys of the globe;  
My only limit, then, the dome above;  
My resting place the topmost height.  
A rock on the soaring cliff my nest,  
A thousand thousand perches for my feet.  
Here but one, one solitary perch.  
And the row of human captors, ever leering,  
They who caged me,  
Know their power and gloat on my captivity.  
And there is no space here; and space was mine;  
No freedom here which by God's gift was mine.  
And my boasting captors brag of liberty,  
Carve my image for its emblem.  
And on my cage these letters painted,  
"The Largest Eagle in Captivity."  
Rusty iron forever binding me.

IAN FORBES-ROBERTSON

PRIZE CARTOONS ILLUSTRATING  
KINDNESS TO ANIMALS

THE national prize cartoon contest, conducted by the American Humane Education Society in connection with the 1923 Be Kind to Animals Week, resulted in original cartoons being published in leading newspapers from Portland, Maine, to Oakland, California. The prize-winning cartoons are reproduced above, with the names of the winners. Effective cartoons appeared also in the following newspapers: *Republic*, Springfield, Mo.; *Star*, St. Louis, Mo.; *Herald*, Duluth, Minn.; *News*, Indianapolis, Ind.; *News-Sentinel*, Fort Wayne, Ind.; *Courier*, Evansville, Ind.; *Morning Call*, Allentown, Pa.; *Call and Post*, San Francisco, Cal.; *Eagle*, Wichita, Kans.; *Evening Star*, Washington, D. C.; *Journal*, Providence, R. I.; *Evening Bulletin*, Providence, R. I., and *Evening Express and Advertiser*, Portland, Maine.

THE welcome and friendship of these little wilderness hearts are growing nearer and more apparent to me every day; and with each day the Great Truth speaks to me ever more clearly than the day before—that each of these beating hearts, like my own, is a part of that nature which I worship and is as vitally a spark of its life as the heart which is beating inside my own flannel shirt.

JAMES OLIVER CURWOOD

## Our Dumb Animals

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FOR TERMS, see back cover.

AGENTS to take orders for *Our Dumb Animals* are wanted everywhere. Liberal commissions are offered.

EDITORS of all periodicals who receive this publication this month are invited to reprint any of the articles with or without credit.

MANUSCRIPTS relating to animals, particularly prose articles of about three hundred words, are solicited. We do not wish to consider prose manuscripts of over 800 words in length, nor verse in excess of thirty-six lines. The shorter the better. Full return postage should be enclosed with each manuscript submitted.

### EATING POULTRY

IF people who eat the ordinary poultry bought at the ordinary markets in our large cities could know the conditions under which the majority of the poor creatures are shipped and killed, the appetite for such food would speedily vanish. Look at these crowded crates in which poultry have traveled sometimes hundreds of miles without food or drink! In the winter they suffer from the cold. In the summer their opened mouths tell of excessive heat and thirst and fever.

Follow them as they are transported from the railway train to the killing houses. Watch the method of their killing. A large part of it is done by Jewish employees, even when the fowl are for Gentile trade. This method of killing does not permit the stunning of the fowl before the knife is thrust into the throat. The plucking is begun instantly after the knife is used unless someone is present to prevent. We have walked into these places and seen fowl completely plucked and flopping about on the floor. We are constantly prosecuting the men in the business, but it would take a small army of agents to watch all the places and to watch them all the time.

That the health of thousands of people is seriously affected annually by eating fowl shipped and killed as we have described cannot be for a moment doubted.

### CRUELTY IN SHIPMENT

DOGS, as well as food animals, are often the victims of careless or culpable methods of shipment. Shipping boxes, or crates, wholly inadequate in size, and lacking in proper ventilation, unprovided with facilities for feeding and watering, neglect on the part of express agents en route, these are the factors responsible for the most of the sufferings of dogs in transit. The Pennsylvania S. P. C. A. has just started a "Ship Your Dog Humanely Campaign," which all dog lovers must endorse. We suggest that those interested write to Mr. F. B. Rutherford, Operative Manager of the Pennsylvania S. P. C. A., Philadelphia, for further information.

Charles James Fox said: "True humanity consists not in a squeamish ear; it consists not in starting or shrinking at tales of misery, but in a disposition of heart to relieve it. True humanity appertains rather to the mind than to the nerves, and prompts men to use real and active endeavors to execute the action which it suggests."

### OUR GOAL

Not until our law shall have been perfected by further legislation and judicial decisions; not until our agents shall be found in every town; not until the rich shall give from their abundance in streams rather than dribblets, and the poor according to their ability; not until the pulpit and the press, those tremendous engines of good or evil, shall speak plainly in our behalf; not until our paper, or its equivalent, shall be read in every school of the State, and every school boy and girl of the State shall be faithfully instructed as to the rights and wrongs of animals,—not until all these things have been accomplished, shall we begin to feel that we are properly coming up to the magnitude of our work.

GEO. T. ANGELL

### GOOD NEWS FROM SPAIN

ALL lovers of animals, and of a better civilization, will read the following with pleasure:

#### SPAIN TAKES TO FOOTBALL

Displacing the Bull-Fight as Popular Entertainment in Leading Cities

Special cable to the Boston Transcript  
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Madrid, April 19—In view of the universal condemnation which bull-fighting has aroused throughout Europe, Spaniards have decided that football is the nearest approach in the matter of carnage and have adopted the game as one of their national sports. The old arena at Ronda in Andalusia has been converted into a gridiron, and the demand for football has invaded Seville, where matches are as popular as bull-fighting.

It is singular that in Seville a regular bull-fight was postponed on account of a championship match between the Europa and Seville football teams, interest in which had aroused enthusiasm like the American mania for baseball.

### EXECUTING YOUR OWN WILL

#### An Annuity Plan

The Massachusetts S. P. C. A. and the American Humane Education Society will receive gifts, large or small, entering into a written obligation binding the Society safely to invest the same and to pay the donor for life a reasonable rate of interest, or an annuity for an amount agreed upon. The rate of interest or amount of annuity will necessarily depend upon the age of the donor.

The wide financial experience and high standing of the trustees, Charles G. Bancroft, president of the International Trust Company, Charles E. Rogerson, president of the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company, and John R. Macomber, president of Harris, Forbes and Company, to whom are entrusted the care and management of our invested funds, are a guaranty of the security of such an investment.

Persons of comparatively small means may by this arrangement obtain a better income for life than could be had with equal safety by the usual methods of investment, while avoiding the risks and waste of a will contest, and ultimately promoting the cause of the dumb animals.

The Societies solicit correspondence upon this subject, and will be glad to furnish all further details.

### PROGRESS IN ITALY

A LETTER from Signor de Southoff, the Hon. Technical Director of the Society for the Protection of Animals at Florence, tells us that a law has finally been passed prohibiting the use of blinded birds as decoys. He also says, "We hope that the use of blinded birds kept as singers (not as decoys) in some Provinces will also be made illegal very soon." The letter concludes, "All this does great credit to the energy of Premier Mussolini. May I add that here in Florence his 'black shirts' always show themselves as efficient protectors of ill-used animals."

### THE FAITHFUL MOTHER

WALTER SMITH, so says an exchange, and other members of Engine Company No. 233, were hard at work at a fire at Nos. 1632-1640 Pitkin Avenue, Brooklyn, yesterday, when Smith in the thick of the smoke felt a soft and persistent rubbing against his foot. The smoke was thicker than this morning's fog and he could not see the floor distinctly, but he bent over and found the object was a cat.

She wasn't worried so much about herself, but she had her whole family—four kittens—with her in a pasteboard box which she had dragged from the flames. The trouble was that she could not get the box downstairs without spilling its contents. So Smith rescued her and the kittens. Smith was badly cut by broken glass.

### STARVATION OR THE CAT

WITH starvation staring them in the face, eleven sailors of the ship Sargon, so the correspondent of the *Tacoma Times* tells us, voted to spare the ship's black mascot cat, and prepared to eat boiled rats instead. The Sargon, her engines disabled, had drifted helplessly for days until food and all other supplies were exhausted. The vote on the cat was taken February 22. February 26 a German trawler was sighted. The German captain came to their rescue, furnished food, and, through a succession of severe storms, towed the Sargon 300 miles to an Alaskan port.

### A SOLDIER'S PLEA FOR PEACE

WHETHER we believe in the League of Nations or not, we cannot help feeling the power of this plea from a Boston soldier, wounded in France, Wyman Richardson:—

"You, who have never seen the horrors of war, who have never seen men disappear, literally blown to pieces, on being struck by a shell, who have never heard the shrieks of wounded human beings, who have never heard the hysterical laughter of a man as he gazes at the stump where his hand was a moment ago; who have never heard the cries, the groans, the swearing, the praying of men with festering wounds, waiting too long and in vain for ambulances; can you say that we should stop at anything in order to prevent this frightfulness, this savagery, this horror from occurring again? Is there any other way than by a League of Nations? Is not the League of Nations elastic enough and broad enough whatever its defects to ensure its holding together in the future and to ensure world peace? Is it not a step, and the only possible step, in the right direction? I firmly believe so. If there is another way, speak it out. If not, for God's sake, stop opposing this one remedy."





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#### MONTHLY REPORT

Cases investigated	756
Animals examined	6,494
Number of prosecutions	19
Number of convictions	16
Horses taken from work	136
Horses humanely put to sleep	103
Small animals humanely put to sleep	685
<b>Stockyards and Abattoirs</b>	
Animals inspected	48,283
Cattle, swine and sheep humanely put to sleep	169

The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals acknowledges, during April, gifts of \$500 from a Friend; \$633.86 from the Women's Auxiliary for completely refurnishing Ward 4 of the Hospital; \$100 from E. J.; \$50 each from Mrs. F. C. H. and M. A. S.; \$25 each from E. E. McCa., Robert Treat Paine Association, Mrs. P. A. C., and M. M. C.

The Society has been remembered in the will of Miss Helen O. Bigelow of Boston.

The American Humane Education Society has received \$25 from Mrs. G. B. H.  
May 8, 1923.

#### "BE KIND TO ANIMALS" SUPPLEMENT

FREE copies of the *Charleston* (South Carolina) *American* twenty-page Be Kind to Animals Supplement, issued April 8, 1923, will be sent to all who address Henry F. Lewith, Charleston, S. C., P. O. Box 595, also a copy of the *American* of April 15, containing an article, "Through Kindliness to Civilization," by Mr. Walter B. Wilbur of Charleston.

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#### HOSPITAL REPORT FOR APRIL

Hospital		Free Dispensary	
Cases entered	576	Cases	693
Dogs	393	Dogs	473
Cats	142	Cats	206
Horses	40	Horses	6
Bird	1	Birds	6
		Chameleon	1
		Cow	1
Operations	316		
Hospital cases since opening, Mar. 1, '15.	33,443		
Free Dispensary cases	41,232		
Total	74,675		

#### THE HORSE'S VACATION—AN APPEAL

*Who will give some tired, foot-sore horse a vacation this year?*

*He who has seen one of these patient servants turned out to pasture, for the first time in years, will never forget the seeming joy the poor creature has manifested when he found the soft earth beneath his feet, and knew the luxury of rolling on the cool, green grass.*

*Three dollars and a half will mean seven days of rest and comfort for some horse taken from the hard pavement, at the Nevins Rest Home of the Massachusetts S. P. C. A., at Methuen.*

#### EATING MEAT

ONE need not be a vegetarian to urge the wisdom, especially as the warmer weather comes, of cutting down materially the meat diet and choosing more largely from nature's wealth of fruits and vegetables. Everyone of us probably knows that the less meat he eats, the better he feels; this better feeling means better health, and better health means work more joyfully done and longer life. We may remember, meanwhile, that the less meat eaten the less the demand that creates the whole traffic in food animals fraught with its many cruelties.

#### MISS LOUISE KENNEDY

IN the death of Miss Kennedy, which occurred April 5 last, not only has Concord, Mass., lost one of its rare and beautiful souls, but our Society, as well, has lost a life member, a staunch friend, and a generous contributor. Miss Kennedy, before her death, gave us, in memory of her sister, \$5,000. Those who knew her best speak of her as belonging to "that fine old school of Intellectuals of which Concord is so justly proud." A student, an author, an assured believer in the ever more abundant life, she was also a devoted champion of all the oppressed, whether men or their lowlier fellow-creatures.

#### BE KIND TO ANIMALS WEEK IN MASSACHUSETTS

ON Friday, April 13, Humane Day in schools was generally observed throughout the State, the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. having supplied 10,320 copies of "The Teacher's Helper," gratuitously, to teachers in grammar grades above the second for use in humane exercises. President Francis H. Rowley presented the five prizes won in the poster contest to pupils of the Malden High School, at a special assembly held for the purpose; also the three prizes won by pupils of the Western Junior High School in Somerville. Secretary Guy Richardson gave stereopticon addresses in the Brooks School, Medford, and the Daniels School, Malden. On Saturday morning he spoke at a mass meeting of 1,200 members of the Donaghy Boys' Club and Boy Scouts at the Orpheum Theater, New Bedford, at which Miss Mary A. Hayden presided. "The Bell of Atri" and another film were shown at this enthusiastic meeting, and over twenty ribbons were awarded to boys who were winners at a Pet Animal Show held the previous evening. Lantern slides showing a picture of animals at the Angell Memorial Animal Hospital and giving the dates of Be Kind to Animals Week and Humane Sunday were exhibited in moving picture houses in the principal cities of the State. At the Bulfinch Place Church (Unitarian), Boston, the Sunday-school session was devoted to exercises by the children, descriptive of special lantern slides appropriate to Humane Sunday.

At the High School and various grammar schools of Haverhill, humane selections were read to the pupils. Special exercises in schools and recognition by churches of Humane Sunday were features of the observance in Brockton. Seven prominent pastors in Taunton openly endorsed Humane Sunday, one using a large cut of animals on the front page of the weekly calendar. The local humane workers raised \$228 by conducting a "tag day" Saturday. A committee of prominent speakers addressed pupils in the various schools of Worcester. The Greenfield S. P. C. A. aroused interest in that town where the *Franklin County News* offered prizes for essays by pupils in the seventh, eighth, and ninth grades of the public schools. More than 500 essays were received. We congratulate this newspaper on its enterprise and hope its example will be followed by many other papers another year. The week's calendar of the Attleboro Community Fellowship carried an announcement of Be Kind to Animals Week and the seal of the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. In Granby, one of the smallest towns of the State, the Sunday-school session was given up to exercises in recognition of Be Kind to Animals Week.

#### THE SHELTER AT METHUEN

WE are glad to announce that work had so far progressed on the new Shelter for Small Animals at the Nevins Rest Farm for Horses at Methuen that Superintendent Swanton was able to begin receiving animals there early in May. The Massachusetts S. P. C. A. invites special gifts for this work.

The fourth Annual Fair of the Women's Auxiliary of the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. will be held at the Society's Building, 180 Longwood Avenue, Boston, from 10:30 A. M. to 10:30 P. M., on Wednesday and Thursday, November 14 and 15, 1923.



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For rates of membership in both of our Societies see last page. Checks should be made payable to the Treasurer.

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### SCHOOL POSTERS FROM AUSTRIA

AS one result of the announcement of our prize poster contest for pupils in schools of Massachusetts we received seven attractive colored posters from school children in Steyr, Austria. Some of these were of a very high order, and had they been eligible for the contest, undoubtedly would have won one or more prizes. As a recognition of the interest of these pupils we are sending free subscriptions to *Our Dumb Animals* for a year to each of them and, to the three first named, small cash prizes:—

Fritz Annmayr, Fritz Trojak, Franz Jung, Eleonore Giester, Gretl Haratzmüller, Ervin Kamenovic and R. Kefer.

Kindness to animals is a theme that ought to be touched upon frequently by every preacher and every writer whose aim is to make this world better.

### JUNE

THE little bird sits at his door in the sun,  
A-tilt like a blossom among the leaves,  
And lets his illumined being o'errun  
With the deluge of summer it receives.  
His mate feels the eggs beneath her wings,  
And the heart in her dumb breast flutters and sings.

He sings to the wide world and she to her nest;  
In the nice ear of nature, which song is the best?

LOWELL

### AN OPENED DOOR

THE sufferings of animals in many a foreign land to which missionaries are sent are sometimes beyond belief, though due quite probably more to ignorance than to inborn cruelty. Through several of our foreign missionary societies a great door has been opened to us. During the past few months we have sent through two of the most influential missionary boards some 25,000 of our attractive picture leaflets to missionaries who will use them in awakening and fostering the spirit of kindness to animals in these different fields. The repeated efforts we have made in this direction must surely bring some day a generous harvest.

### CHARLESTON, W. VA., ORGANIZES

LARGELY as the result of the humane education work of Miss Blanche Finley of the American Humane Education Society, an organization to protect children and animals has been instituted in Charleston, W. Va. W. B. Mathews was chosen president, and Mrs. Harold Ritz, secretary. The plans of the society include the appointment of competent humane officers throughout the county and city, and the organization of similar societies in other sections of the state.

### SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIETIES TO UNITE

UNDER date of March 23, 1923, Mr. F. W. FitzSimons of the S. P. C. A. of Port Elizabeth, Cape of Good Hope, writes to *Our Dumb Animals* as follows:—

"A Conference is now sitting with the object of getting all the South African societies to join up and create a central body with power to act on their behalf when joining issue, with the authorities for instance, in pushing reforms in regard to the better treatment of animals."

### TO OUR FRIENDS

In making your will, kindly bear in mind that the corporate title of our Society is "The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals"; that it is the second incorporated (March, 1868) Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in the country, and that it has no connection with any other Society of a similar character.

Any bequest especially intended for the benefit of the Angell Memorial Animal Hospital should, nevertheless, be made to The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals "for the use of the Hospital," as the Hospital is not incorporated but is the property of that Society and is conducted by it.

### FORM OF BEQUEST

I do hereby give, devise and bequeath to The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (or, to The American Humane Education Society), incorporated by special Act of the Legislature of Massachusetts, the sum of ..... dollars (or, if other property, describe the property).

### YOUR DOG IN SUMMER

L. E. EUBANKS

MANY people, when it occurs to them to make the dog more comfortable in warm weather, think of but one thing—clipping. Doubtless shearing is advisable under some conditions. No defender of animals and their rights can approve the "trimming" methods practised by many dog fanciers—wherein climate, weather, kind of dog and all other considerations are disregarded for show purposes; but reasonable shearing during very warm weather is a great relief to the heavily-coated dog, who is, perhaps, living out of his natural habitat. The main thing is not to do anything of this kind so late in the season as to risk the discomforts of a possible premature cold spell. And whatever you do with the dog's coat, don't bob his tail; for it is his chief weapon against flies and mosquitoes.

I think one of the most common causes of suffering from heat lies in the practice of following vehicles—especially motor vehicles, which usually go so much faster than their drivers realize. By all means let the dog ride if you are riding and the day is hot. He may not submit willingly at first, but he will soon become accustomed to it and learn to like it. I have often been surprised at the thoughtlessness of some sportsmen who let the dogs follow at a tiresome pace for miles to the hunting grounds, when they might just as well have been taken aboard the car so as to arrive fresh. A dog's kennel should be moved to a cool place for the summer—preferably on a grassy spot. He likes to lie on a cool lawn and will eat a little of the grass frequently when it is handy—with benefit to his digestion.

The kennel must be well screened against flying parasites, should operate with a both-ways swinging door so the dog can go and come at will, and must be cleaned and disinfected often. Brush the dog's coat every day and give him an occasional tepid bath. Four or five times a month, or even twice a week during the hottest weather, as a guard against fleas, rub in some of this mixture: One pound of crown soap (English harness soap) and one ounce of powdered camphor. Be sure always to dry the dog well.

Don't have any unnecessary "harness" on the dog. If he must wear a collar, let it be narrow and light. A heavy, hot weight on the neck is bad enough any time, but a particular torture in summer.

Keep cool, fresh water where he can get it at all times. You and I know how important this is, when we think of our own summer thirst. Cut down on his meat allowance and give cooling foods instead. A little meat is all right.

Summer is the "fit season" for dogs, and while I do not wish to be extreme and say there is no hydrophobia, I do want to remind you that there are different causes for fits, and that many dogs have been killed as "mad" when they were only ill. If your dog has a fainting spell and foams at the mouth, don't let anyone kill him immediately. No matter how strangely he acts, do nothing rash; simply confine him till you can get the opinion and services of a real veterinarian. Do not listen to advice from those who know no more about the matter than you do.

Stop future cruelty by contributing now to the American Humane Education Society, Boston.

## Be Kind to Animals Week Observed in Many States

### Maine

The Week was endorsed by Governor Baxter in a cordial letter to the Pine Tree Humane Society at Farmington, by Mayor Drapeau of Biddeford and Mayor Gilpatrick of Saco. Humane Sunday observances at Rumford and special school exercises at the High School of Madison and the various schools in Saco were among the special celebrations.

### Rhode Island

The press, particularly in Providence and Pawtucket, gave liberal space to articles appropriate to the occasion, including several excellent editorials.

### Connecticut

State and local prize poster contests for school pupils were successfully conducted by the Connecticut Humane Society, which also distributed striking posters calling attention to the Week and to Humane Sunday.

### New York

The S. P. C. A. of Malone presented pupils in primary and grammar grades with cash prizes and "honorable mentions" for the best posters, which were displayed during the Week in the windows of a store on Main Street.

### Pennsylvania

In addition to the special Be Kind to Animals numbers of the *Times* and the *Herald-Telegram* of Reading, and the display of special slides in the picture theaters, the local Humane Society interested school and church officials to heartily co-operate in bringing the lessons of the Week before the people of that city.

### District of Columbia

All the ministers of Washington received a special letter, urging them to recognize Humane Sunday, and many did so. Much individual work was done among the children, especially Boy and Girl Scouts, who received suitable literature. Street cars carried special signs calling attention to the Week, and several appropriate articles, editorials, and cartoons appeared in the press.

### Indiana

The *Daily News* of Greensburg carried conspicuous notices of the Week and gave liberal space to appropriate material furnished by the Decatur County Humane Society. The pastors of the principal churches preached sermons urging kindness to animals, and teachers in the schools conducted special humane exercises.

### South Carolina

Thirty-five hundred extra copies, in addition to the large regular subscription list, were issued of the twenty-page Be Kind to Animals supplement of the *Charleston American* for April 8. Governor McLeod, Mayor Grace and Chief of Police Cantwell of Charleston, each issued proclamations for the Week. Addresses were given in all the schools of the city. The city hall, police station, and the *Charleston American* building were decorated with large signs reading: "This is Be Kind to Animals Week Throughout the United States." Moving picture houses announced the Week with lantern slides appropriately lettered and showing a colored picture of "Beauty," the well-known collie owned by Mr. H. F. Lewith of Charleston. In many churches, representing all creeds, Humane Sunday was emphasized during the services.

### Missouri

Both the Week and Humane Sunday were generally observed in Clinton, every school, the Rotary Club, and other organizations participating. The Boy Scouts placed birdhouses, made by themselves, in the Court House park.

### Kentucky

In Louisville the Kentucky Humane Society and the Animal Rescue League made special efforts to make the Week a success. Placards were placed in all parts of the city and lesson leaflets were distributed in all the schools.

### Minnesota

Special films were shown in Minneapolis, and an appropriate radio talk by Dr. F. W. Pepper was broadcasted through the interest of the Animal Rescue League.

### California

As usual, California was one of the most conspicuous of the States because of the numerous prominent celebrations held in connection with the Week. In San Francisco the superintendent of schools issued a letter to principals and teachers, in which the suggestion was offered that the words "Be Kind to Animals" be written on blackboards and that on Friday, April 13, special humane exercises be held. On Friday evening, at the Girls' High School, prizes were awarded in a very successful children's pet exhibition that had been held. Cups were donated by the S. P. C. A. Motion pictures and lantern slides were exhibited by Secretary Matthew McCurrie. Saturday was observed as Boy

Scouts day with a special program at the headquarters of the San Francisco S. P. C. A. The pastors of all churches observed Humane Sunday. The San Jose celebration was marked by a unique display at the public library. The San Diego Humane Society conducted an active campaign in that city, where the press published endorsements from prominent citizens, principals of various schools, and others.

### JUST A CART HORSE

GEORGE B. FOSTER

It was just a cart horse. The poor creature lay quivering on his side in Dewey Square, Boston, panting for the last few breaths of his life. The cart had been pushed back and stood on end nearby. Bits of the harness were scattered about here and there.

The morbid crowd stood idly by, watching the last sufferings of the poor creature. A man hurrying for a train stopped for a moment and gazed over the shoulders of the crowd.

"Only a cart horse," he said, and hurried on his way. Yes, but he was something more than "only a cart horse."

When he fell, he was drawing a heavy load of snow—too heavy for him. He was helping to make this city a cleaner, safer, better place for you and for me to live in. He fell and "died in the harness"—"only a cart horse."

Would that we had more "cart horses" of that kind; men and women and horses who are trying to make this world a cleaner, better and safer place to dwell in.

Too often it is the case that when the obscure man, or the woman of no importance dies "in the harness," people say, "Oh, well, they were not in our set, no particular importance—only a cart horse."

Isn't it about time in this twentieth century of so-called Christian civilization that more thought and more credit were given to the "cart horses," to the men and women and horses who are doing the necessary, plain, hard, everyday duties of life, and living good, clean lives and helping to make this world a safer, better place to live in?

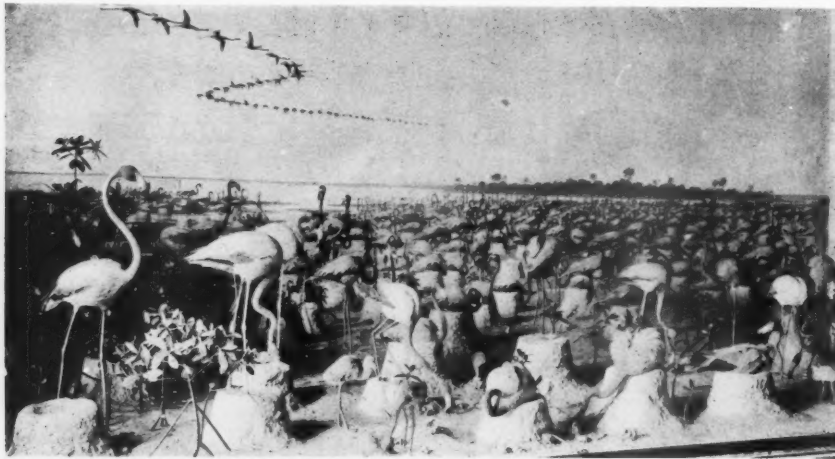
The so-called "smart set" are smart only so far as they combine goodness and usefulness together with their goodness. So, give us more of the right kind of good and useful "cart horses," and give them credit for what they are and for what they are doing.

When making your will remember the Massachusetts S. P. C. A.



THE FIRST GREAT NEED OF ANIMALS IN HOT WEATHER IS WATER—GEO. T. ANGELL





LAST REFUGE AND BREEDING PLACE OF THE FLAMINGO ON THIS CONTINENT—ANDROS ISLAND, BAHAMAS

### A TINY SONGSTER

D. D. HAGGARD

UNDER the eaves of the back porch an old syrup can was fastened in the hopes that a wren might make it his home. A day or two later a wren inspected the house and the next day the family moved in. That was about the twentieth of April. It was a very great pleasure to have them so near the house on account of their merry music. The wren's song seems to be a cheery bubble of music as spontaneous as a jet from a fountain, and he tilts his head back and sings with the joy and abandon of a Caruso.

The wren is such a familiar bird that he hardly needs description. His tiny form, long pointed bill and beady eyes are distinctive, as well as his upstanding tail.

The nest is usually constructed of small twigs and grass, but one day the wren was seen trying to take a hairpin into the nest. As the prongs were wide spread and the opening in the can small, he failed after much effort. Another time he made an unsuccessful attempt to take a small square piece of wire fly-screen into the nest.

The feeding of the nestlings is very interesting, the food for the most part being small insects and bugs.

The wren is a great lover of attention. If you will but listen to his song he will sing loudly, but if you will praise him for it he will almost split his throat in an effort to make an impression on you.

Although he sings but a few notes he is one of our most delightful songsters. Usually he perches to sing, but he is so full of music that he often sings on the wing.

### TO THEIR EVERLASTING CREDIT

DAVID LEE WHARTON

A SIGHT never seen: a beast in a state of beastly intoxication.

The love that never lies is the love in our dumb friend's eyes.

Every man is a hero to his mother—and to his dog.

Someone has said, "Animals are children who never grow up." Ah, there lies the charm! They never grow up. I am never a "fossil" or a "back number" to my dog. I am to him in his old age the same wonderful being that I was in his puppyhood days.

### THE RED-BIRD'S CALL

ERNESTINE L. R. COLLINS

HARK, how the red-bird whistles and sings!  
Where up on a twig he lightly swings,  
Calling his playmate, shrilly and clear,  
"Theodore, Theodore, here, here, here";  
And whistles his merry tunes.

I love to hear this pretty bird sing—  
His voice has such a musical ring,  
Joyously calling his playmate dear,  
"Theodore, Theodore, here, here, here";  
And whistling his merry tunes.

The air is vocal with song of birds,  
But none of them knows such pretty words  
As the red-bird's call, "What cheer! What cheer!  
Pretty, pretty, pretty, here, here, here";—  
Nor whistle such merry tunes.

Dear little bird, I would not confine  
You within a cage to languish and pine  
For freedom to sport on your scarlet wings,  
Skimming the air that with music rings,  
And whistling your merry tunes.

Then sing, pretty bird, your melody sweet,  
While the glad echoes the notes repeat,  
Calling your playmate shrilly and clear,  
"Theodore, Theodore, here, here, here";  
And whistle your merry tunes.

Why do you hide 'neath the branches green,  
Fearing, it seems, that you may be seen?  
Nothing shall harm you while I am near,  
Fly down then where I can see you, dear,  
And whistle and sing for me,  
"Pretty, pretty, pretty, here, here, here,  
What cheer, what cheer, what cheer";—  
So full of rapturous glee.

### A GRAVE MISTAKE

SHE was a telephone operator, and ought to have known better than put the subscriber on the wrong number, says an exchange. He thought he was connected with the local theater, and, being in a hurry, he promptly asked for a box for two that night.

"But we don't have boxes for two," said a voice at the other end of the line.

"Isn't this the Lasca Theater?" he asked.  
"Why, no," was the answer, "this is Graves, the undertaker."

### LAST STAND OF THE FLAMINGO

HERBERT BEARDSLEY

THE greatest wonder of the bird world is Flamingo City in the lagoons of Andros. This unique and remarkable sight is shown in the picture. Formerly twelve thousand of these wonderful red-plumaged bipeds made up the inhabitants of the city; now there is danger that they will soon be a mere tradition. Well-nigh exterminated, only a paltry twelve hundred are left. Their threatened extinction is due to the hungry Negroes of the Bahama Islands, who, caring nothing for the beauty of this rare bird, and liking its flesh, have sought their breeding places, destroying them in immense numbers. Being unprotected, there is danger that they will soon be but a memory.

Flamingo City is the only breeding place left in North America, and this is on British land. To protect these beautiful birds from their human enemies, the president of the Audubon Societies is journeying in their behalf to the Islands to seek the official co-operation of the Governor of Andros to guard and protect them by securing enough wardens to patrol their last place of refuge. The birds built their mud city in the rich feeding grounds of Andros, as the vast lagoons teem with a small shell-fish called Cerithium, their choice and principal foodstuff.

When an intruder approaches their nests they utter a deep, trumpet-like call, "Honk," "Honk," and, untucking their long necks from their feathers, spreading their vermilion-lined wings, they step forward in impressive formation, like well-trained troops. When the leader gives the signal, they spring into the air, a flaming mass, and soar away till they become a mere rosy cloud on the horizon. In each of their high and awkward mud nests but one egg is laid. The realistic habitat scene shown in the picture is at the Museum of Natural History, New York City.

### BIRDS ARE THIS FIRM'S HOBBY

R. S. WEST

EVERYONE should have a hobby, we are told, for a hobby provides mind rest and enables one to achieve a greater success. Many incidents have been told of great men and women who had hobbies. Oliver Wendell Holmes rested his mind by making chairs; Edward W. Bok collected autograph letters. And Church & Dwight Company, 27 Cedar Street, New York, N. Y., manufacturers of Arm & Hammer Soda, have for years had birds for a hobby. In every package of this soda that you open you will find a small card, with the picture of a bird thereon, in colors. The painting of the originals is done by M. E. Eaton. For years Church & Dwight have been distributing these cards. The firm issues a full set of 30 such cards, and brought out a new set early in 1923. You can save these cards until you get a full set, or the firm will send you a full set if you enclose six cents in stamps. On the back of each card is given interesting information relative to the bird pictured on it. And on each card appears these words: "For the good of all, do not destroy the birds." It would be a good thing if more firms had similar hobbies.

The only way to make war impossible is to stop getting ready for war.

Dr. Frank Crane

## School Posters Bring Out Many Ideas for Helping Animals

Pupils in More Than Fifty Towns Compete for the Twenty-four Prizes Offered by the Massachusetts S. P. C. A.

HERE are reproductions of the posters winning first prizes in the various classes of the fifth annual contest, conducted by the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. in connection with Be Kind to Animals Week.

The photographs were taken by the *Boston Evening Transcript*, which published them in



FIRST PRIZE. CLASS I. HIGH SCHOOLS  
Won by Pearl Fine, High School, Malden

its edition of April 11, with a very appreciative article written by Miss Margaret Fitzhugh Browne.

This season there were more entries in Class I than in previous years. Posters were received from 32 different high schools. The total number of drawings entered exceeded 750. The posters were on exhibition in the Fine Arts room of the Boston Public Library from April 7 to April 16, and at the Lynn Public Library from April 18 to May 5.



FIRST PRIZE. CLASS IV. GRAMMAR GRADES 5 AND 6  
Won by Ruth C. Hemmings, Grade 6, Marvin School, Winchendon

The judges, Mr. Walter Rowlands of the Fine Arts Department, Boston Public Library, Miss Margaret Fitzhugh Browne, art critic, and Mr. William E. Putnam, architect, awarded the twenty-four prizes as follows:—

Class I, high schools: First, \$20, cash, Pearl Fine, Malden High; second, \$15, cash, Priscilla White, Malden High; third, \$10, cash, Faith Coffin, Malden High; fourth, copy of "Beautiful Joe," Edna M. James, Malden High; fifth, bound volume of "Our Dumb Animals," Blanche Warren, Malden High; sixth, copy of "Michael Brother of Jerry," Frances Tate, Brookline High.

Class II, junior high schools: First, \$15, cash, Philip Santry, Hadley School, Swampscott; second, \$10, cash, Richard Finn, Western Junior High, Somerville; third, \$5.00, cash, Preston Davis, 2nd year, Western Junior High, Somerville; fourth, copy of "Beautiful Joe," Madilyn Gillis, Western Junior High, Somerville; fifth, bound volume of "Our Dumb Animals," Louise Holmes, Grade 8, Junior High, Belmont; sixth, copy of "Michael Brother of Jerry," Doris Lane, Grade 8, Hadley Junior High, Swampscott.

Class III, grammar schools, above the sixth grade: First, \$15, cash, Louis Beauchamp, Grade 8, George S. Taylor School, Chicopee; second, \$10, cash, Hazel C. Kingsley, Grade 8, Dillaway School, Roxbury; third, \$5.00, cash, Norman White, Grade 7, Marvin School, Winchendon; fourth, copy of "Beautiful Joe," John Costa, Grade 7, Dearborn School, Roxbury; fifth, bound volume of "Our Dumb Animals," Catherine Leamy, Grade 8, School Street School, Gardner; sixth, copy of "Michael Brother of Jerry," Elmo Kumph, Grade 8, Maple Street School, Danvers.

Class IV, grammar schools, grades five and six: First, \$15, cash, Ruth C. Hemmings, Grade 6, Marvin School, Winchendon; second, \$10, cash, Grace Sergi, Grade 5, Dearborn School, Roxbury; third, \$5.00, cash, Graham Velma, Grade 5, Lincoln School, Lynn; fourth, copy of "Beautiful Joe," Rose Williams, Grade 6, Tucker School, Winchendon; fifth, bound volume of "Our Dumb



FIRST PRIZE. CLASS III. UPPER GRAMMAR GRADES  
Won by Louis Beauchamp, Grade 8, George S. Taylor School, Chicopee

Animals," Wilfred Boisvert, Grade 6, Saltonstall School, Salem; sixth, copy of "Michael Brother of Jerry," Peter Sullivan, Grade 6, Marvin School, Winchendon.

### OVERFEEDING

MANY pets are killed by getting too much to eat. You may not think this is true, but it is. Watch what you feed your pet, and how often. If the animal is not taking very much exercise, naturally it will not need as much to eat as it would if it were exercising normally. And be sure to give your animals plenty of water.



FIRST PRIZE. CLASS II. JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS  
Won by Philip Santry, Hadley School, Swampscott

## The Band of Mercy

DR. FRANCIS H. ROWLEY, *President*  
GUY RICHARDSON, *Secretary*  
E. A. MARYOTT, *State Organizer*

### PLEDGE

I will try to be kind to all living creatures and try to protect them from cruel usage.

The American Humane Education Society will send to every person who forms a Band of Mercy of thirty members and sends the name chosen for the Band and the name and post-office address of the president who has been duly elected:

1. Special Band of Mercy literature.
  2. Several leaflets, containing pictures, stories, poems, addresses, reports, etc.
  3. Copy of "Songs of Happy Life."
  4. An imitation gold badge for the president.
- See back cover for prices of Band of Mercy supplies.

### NEW BANDS OF MERCY

Five hundred and twenty-four new Bands of Mercy were reported in April. Of these, 151 were in schools of West Virginia; 124 in schools of Pennsylvania; 73 in schools of Massachusetts; 63 in schools of Rhode Island; 46 in schools of Georgia; 27 in schools of Tennessee; 23 in schools of Virginia; 13 in schools of Minnesota; and one each in Maine, Washington, California, and Mexico.

Total number Bands of Mercy organized by Parent American Society, 142,591

### A BROOKLYN PARADE

IN a recent parade held in Brooklyn by the Model School of that city a prize of a year's subscription to *Our Dumb Animals* was given to each of the following pupils for the making of the most attractive bird- or squirrel-house:

John Bath, Richard Burdelle, Elbert Denning, Kenneth Matthews, George Homicks, James Albino, William Stackpole, Hyman Lettush, Carl Anderson, Warren Hooper, George Schaefer, O. Winston Link.

### BIRDS AT EARLY MORN

VIRGINIA WAINWRIGHT

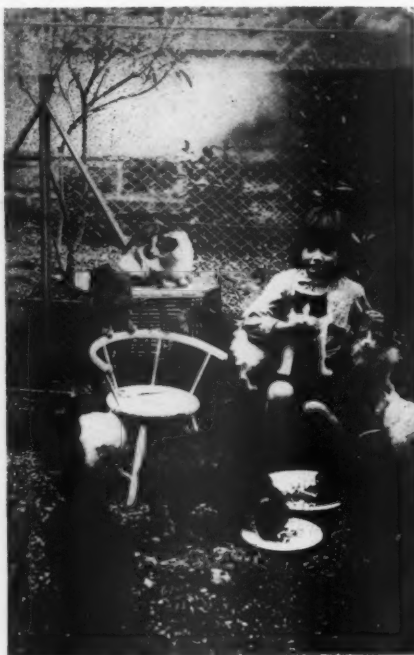
SONGS of birds, twittering at early morn,  
Before rising time.

How they babble, the little rascals!  
But I forgive them all,  
Their sounds are so sweet.  
They tell of the blue sky,  
The joys of springtime,  
Youth, love and laughter.

### THE MASONRY OF THE SWALLOWS

WHY mention our Swallows, which, out of far Africa, as I learned, threading their way over seas and mountains, corporate cities and belligerent nations, yearly found themselves, with the month of May, snug-lodged in our Cottage Lobby? The hospitable Father (for cleanliness' sake) had fixed a little bracket plumb under their nest; there they built, and caught flies, and twittered, and bred; and all, I chiefly, from the heart loved them. Bright, nimble creatures, who taught you the mason-craft; nay, stranger still, gave you a masonic incorporation, almost social police? For if, by ill chance, and when time pressed, your house fell, have I not seen fine neighborly Helpers appear next day; and swashing to and fro, with animated, loud, long-drawn chirpings, and activity almost super-hirundine, complete it again before nightfall?

THOMAS CARLYLE in "Sartor Resartus"



SOME CATS OF THE "REFUGE DE CHATS," PARIS

### METEMPSYCHOSIS

LOUELLA C. POOLE in *Boston Transcript*

LITTLE white face that looks into mine  
With eyes like the bright full moon,  
Why do you watch me ever, intent  
The while you gently croon  
A soft little song of love and trust,  
A soothing and low little tune?

Why on four white and noiseless feet  
Do you follow me everywhere  
All over the house, as about I go,  
And with such a knowing air  
Inspect my doings? Of every turn  
You seem to be always aware!

O little puss, you frighten me so  
At times, when unearthly bright  
Your crystal eyes look deep into mine  
With such a mysterious light,  
As if they would fathom the depths of my soul!  
Your face so eerie and white

Like the face of a little child appears.  
So elfin and wistful and wise—  
Some little child I met long ago  
On the pathway that backward lies  
Over the centuries, when by the Nile  
You lived in a human guise.

Did some magician with fiendish art  
Cast over you some horrid spell?  
Are you indeed a human soul  
Doomed in this form to dwell—  
Some little soul I loved and lost  
Of yore, and that loved me well?

O little puss, it frightens me so,  
The gaze you fasten on me!  
We have known and loved each other before—  
Would my love could set you free!  
It may be—it may be—it possibly will  
In the centuries yet to be!

### CATS IN FICTION

A BOOK about cats is an invitation that I cannot easily resist, says a writer in the *London Observer*. Today I confine myself to the cats who sit by the fire or frisk across the pages of books. Which of them all would you like to see on your own hearth-rug? The Cheshire cat in "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" was too fond of receding into a grin *et præterea nihil* to suit my taste, while Alice's own Dinah and Dinah's black kitten (it was the black kitten's fault that Alice went into Lookingglass House) have not quite enough individuality. Mr. Kipling's Cat that walked by Himself has too much. Mrs. Forrester's cat, in "Cranford," who lapped up a lace collar as it was soaking in a cup of milk, might cause inconveniences to her owner, though not so many, perhaps, as the late Mr. Hector Munro's Tobermurry, the talking cat, whose indiscretions brought consternation to a country-house party. Mrs. Pipechin's old black cat in "Dombey and Son," who generally lay coiled upon the centre foot of the fender, between his mistress and little Paul, "purring egotistically, and winking at the fire until the contracted pupils of his eyes were like two notes of admiration," seems to be a companionable animal, though we scarcely know enough about him to be certain.

A cat who has been degraded by education to something not unlike a dog appears in Lytton's "Eugene Aram." Corporal Jacob Bunting was a cunning instructor of animals, and he took special pains with Jacobina, his huge brindled cat.

Jacobina is not an ideal cat, but I would rather share her company than that of Mr. Krook's tigerish Lady Jane, in "Bleak House," though I would prefer to either of them the anonymous and commonplace cat in the Jellyby household, who so frequently drank Mr. Jellyby's morning milk, in the same novel.

"Only a Frenchman," wrote Théophile Gautier, "can understand the subtle organization of a cat." It was, however, the Frenchman whom Mr. Bernard Shaw heard described as "the celebrated Buffon" who has written with most disparagement of the feline race. But Buffon's libels have been refuted by a crowd of his compatriots. Gautier's own cats and those of Alexandre Dumas were real animals, and therefore outside the scope of our choice, and this must also be admitted of Pierre Loti's Moumoutte Chinoise and Moumoutte Blanche, whose biographical portraits are claimed by Mr. Van Vechten to be "perhaps the most careful studies of cats that exist." Madame Vauquer's Mistigris, in Balzac's "Père Goriot," and Schmuke's Murr, in "Une Fille d'Eve," suffer from no such disability. Mistigris is one of the best cats in fiction, and I regret that, when all Madame Vauquer's lodgers abandon her, and the cat, too, disappears, Balzac leaves us in doubt whether he is dead, or whether he has followed the example of his natural enemy, the rat, and abandoned his sinking ship.

AN eleven-year-old girl, in an English classroom, replied to the question, "What is a veterinary surgeon?" thus:

"A doctor for old soldiers."

Our readers are urged to clip from *Our Dumb Animals* various articles and request their local editors to republish. Copies so mutilated will be made good by us on application.



# CHILDREN'S PAGE

## WAGTAIL AND BABY

**A** BABY watched a ford, whereto  
A wagtail came for drinking;  
A blaring bull went wading through,  
The wagtail showed no shrinking.

A stallion splashed his way across,  
The birdie nearly sinking;  
He gave his plumes a twitch and toss,  
And held his own unblinking.

Next saw the baby round the spot  
A mongrel slowly slinking;  
The wagtail gazed, but faltered not  
In dip and sip and prinking.

A perfect gentleman then neared;  
The wagtail, in a winking  
With terror rose and disappeared;  
The baby fell a-thinking.

THOMAS HARDY

## THE YOUNG SAMARITAN

JOSEPH R. SCHADEL

**O**NE August afternoon, just after one of those heavy summer rains had drenched the streets of a prominent New England city, a small boy of nine years found a half dead little bird which had apparently fallen from a nest. The little creature was feebly hopping about the middle of the road in the very path of an approaching horse and buggy. The boy made an attempt to draw the driver's attention, but not before the unfortunate little bird had been struck by one of the horse's hoofs and knocked into the gutter.

With a mingled feeling of pity and indignation, the boy darted into the road and tenderly took the little feathered creature from the wet mud and placed it in his cap. He then made his way to his home, where his kind mother received the little bird and made it as comfortable as possible.

A shoe box was fitted up as a sort of nest and home; some soft rags were placed inside, and, as the storm was past, the box placed on an outside window-sill. The developments were interesting. In fact, hardly a half hour had elapsed before two pretty birds with tufted heads appeared on the electric wires near the window and were causing a regular commotion in bird language. They were parents of the little bird and were seeking their lost baby.

The little Samaritan watched the birds with interest, not making a sound or motion for fear of scaring away the visitors.

But the baby bird was already struggling to get out of the box. It had heard the call of its parents. Suddenly, one of the larger birds timidly flew to the window-sill and, glancing about hurriedly, crushed some red berries into the hungry little mouth of the baby, then flew off again. But the young bird seemed to want to go with its mother and father.

About an hour later, the older birds returned with more food and both flew to the window-sill. After a series of chirpings and hoppings about, there was a flutter of wings and the three birds were gone. The tiny bird had finally managed to extricate itself from a large hole in the box cover.

I distinctly remember the foregoing incident as I was the nine-year-old boy who had made the rescue, and although many years have since passed, I still feel proud of my act.



Photo by courtesy of the Boston Post

## FLORENCE CODERIC AND HER DOG, "PEARL"

**W**HILE seeking flowers in the woods near Brookfield, Mass., on April 24, twelve-year-old Florence Coderic of that town got lost and in wandering about became caught in the mud of a swamp. Her faithful shepherd dog, who had accompanied her, remained close at her side throughout the night. Twelve long hours passed before the child was rescued by her brother and another youth, who fortunately saw the dog keeping its vigil. Florence had sunk so deep in the mud that the young men had great difficulty in rescuing her, but both she and the dog responded to the restorative treatments given to them.

## CRICKETS

KATHARINE SAWIN OAKES

**W**HEN the fireflies are glimmering in the vivid dusk of June  
And the whispering pines stand night-hushed and  
a-hark;

I love to lie and listen to the soothing, crooning tune  
Of the drowsy crickets chirping in the dark.

The friendly heavens are soft with stars slow swinging round the  
Pole,

Dim, drifting scents pale flower gardens mark;  
Peace, like a dew, is falling on the world; it fills my soul,  
As I lie and hear the crickets in the dark.

## TOAD

*I'M just about the color of mud,  
I've a bobby mouth and a knobby back;  
I bundle away, I tumble and thud,  
I lack the knack of walking a crack.*

*I sit and think at the chink of my hole—  
Nothing like flies for a plump, buff belly—  
I rather reckon I haven't any soul,  
Though I'm not altogether pebbles and jelly.*

*As soon as the roses I smell the rain;  
I wink one eye when two wouldn't do;  
I pad my ribs, and I don't complain.  
I'm toad, but no toady—how about you?*

JOHN VANCE CHENEY

## UNNECESSARY CRUELTY

M. T.

ONE day recently my attention was called to the fact that in the rear of our local baggage-room at the Boston & Maine station there was a dog crated up in a box which was much too small. I was informed that the poor dog had been there all the morning, and his pitiful cries could be heard all around the depot. At noontime I went to see for myself, and there he was—a half-grown hound puppy in a box which did not allow him space to move a muscle. He was lying down in a curled-up position, and it was impossible for him even to move his head. Slats were nailed across the top of the box.

Tears came to my eyes when I saw him, and I immediately stepped into the baggage-room and said to the man in charge, "That box is much too small for that dog."

He answered, "I know that, madam, as well as you do."

Then I said, "Let the dog out and tie him in the baggage room."

He replied that that was impossible, as the hound would run away, and anyway a man was coming for the dog late in the afternoon.

I called up the police station, and within five or ten minutes the dog was taken out of the box and tied in the baggage room, and surely he was happy once more, for he showed his appreciation by fondly lapping the hands and face of the man who had set him free.

## A SAGACIOUS NEWFOUNDLAND DOG

EMILY S. WINDSOR

AT certain seasons of the year the streams in some parts of North America, not far from the coast, are filled with fish. A real Newfoundland dog (which, by the way, is much slighter in build than is generally thought), belonging to a farmer who lived near one of these streams, used to keep the house well supplied with fish. This is the way he managed it.

He was absolutely black, with the exception of a white forefoot, and for hours together he would stand almost immovable, on a small rock which projected into the stream, keeping his white foot hanging over the ledge as a lure for the fish. He remained so still that it acted as a very attractive lure. Whenever curiosity or hunger tempted an unwary fish to approach too close, the dog plunged in, seized the fish, and carried it off to the foot of a neighboring tree. He would do this again and again. On a successful day he would catch a great number.

## JACK LONDON CLUB

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of the obligation which they voluntarily assumed, the following incident related by a school principal, is well worth considering:

The pupils were enjoying their recess when a hand-organ man with a monkey appeared and started his entertainment. The children surrounded him and at once demanded that he take the clothes off the monkey, observing that it was impossible for him to relieve himself by scratching and that his trappings were a source of continuous discomfort to him. The organ-grinder refused, and the pupils undertook to enforce their demands. Then started a small riot; they mobbed the man and pursued him until someone informed the principal, who appeared on the scene in time to prevent any actual violence.

It was further explained to these youthful, well-meaning humanitarians how reforms can be brought about by peaceable and orderly ways, such as the Jack London Club proposes.

Among the probable incentives that prompted the children to adopt the summary action that they did, it is proper to mention the fact that a troupe of monkeys had been in Miami all winter strapped into filthy cars and whirled around a miniature electric railway.

## The Modern Movie Gladiators

Recently in a movie, two hunters were shown killing a big black bear. It was an exhibition of cold-blooded cruelty; for the animal never had a chance against the men, who shot him repeatedly with high-power rifles from a safe distance. Yet a considerable part of the crowd seemed to like it.

—Sultan (Wash.) Star

## Anti-Cruelty Posters

You can help to end the cruelties connected with trained animal acts by sending for the Jack London Club Poster, and seeing that it is placed where it will do the most good. They are 15 cents each, two for a quarter, five for half a dollar.

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